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SUBJECT : ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF QATARI MINISTER OF JUSTICE

1. GOQ MINISTER OF JUSTICE, SHAYKH ABDUL RAHMAN BIN SAOUD AL THANI, WAS KILLED IN A VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON MARCH 1 WHILE HE WAS ON A HUNTING TRIP IN THE AL HASA PROVINCE OF SAUDI ARABIA. SHAYKH ABDUL RAHMAN'S BODY WAS RETURNED BY PLANE TO DOHA MARCH 2 AND BURIED DURING PUBLIC CEREMONY NEAR HIS FAMILY'S HOME IN WAKRAH. THE AMIR AND A FULL CADRE OF QATARI NOTABLES PARTICIPATED IN MOSQUE PRAYERS BEFORE BURIAL.

2. COMMENT: SHAYKH ABDUL RAHMAN WAS NOTED FOR HIS HOSTILITY TOWARD AMIR AND AMIRI BRANCH OF THANI FAMILY, AND IT WAS HIS WRIT WHICH TOOK PRECEDENCE IN WAKRAH AREA. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS RECENTLY THAT HE WISHED TO RESIGN HIS CABINET POST, WHICH HAD BEEN SYMBOL OF HIS ACQUIESCENCE TO PRESENT REGIME. HIS DEATH AT 36 HAS PROMPTED LOCAL WAGS TO WONDER ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ALTHOUGH WE AWARE OF NO EVIDENCE, OR DO WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY, THAT THERE WAS ANY FOUL PLAY.  
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